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APPARATUS, AND A PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is requested concurrent with calculation of the
filing fees and claims fees for this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25, 26, 30, 31, 42-48 and 50 as follows:

Claim 25, line 1, delete "any one"; and

line 2, change "of claims 22 to 24" to --claim 22 or 23--.

Claim 26, line 1, delete "any one"; and

line 2, change "of claims 22 to 25" to --claim 22 or 23--.

Claim 30, line 1, delete "any"; and

line 2, change "one of claims 27 to 29" to --claim 27 or 28--.

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